

Interpretation, Application, and Implication of Scripture, Part 2

Associate Minister's Class

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INTRODUCTION: During our last session together, we spent a good deal of time, talking about the importance of accurately interpreting the Scripture, and some of the basic skills needed to accomplish this goal. By way of review, here are the things we discussed previously:

- The authority of Scripture
- Important presuppositions concerning Scripture
- Some of the differences between literal and non-literal interpretation
- Using context to determine the authors meaning
- Using historical background to determine the authors meaning
- Practical exercises

Now, we are going to continue our study, by examining the imperative to utilize *Application* and *Implication*, in effective preaching and teaching.

- I. Applying the Text (Forming Applications)
 - a. Preaching: the delivery of God's message for the purpose of transforming lives for God's ultimate glory – application without truth is powerless; and truth without application is useless
 - b. Think in terms of examples: What examples of the principles/lessons of a text do you see in your own life or the life of the congregation
 - c. What do these principles look like in real time-real life
 - d. What do these principles look like on Monday at work
 - e. How do this principles apply to life in the home
 - f. What do these principles look like in contemporary society
- II. Practical Exercise – John 15:12
- III. Practical Exercise - Applying the Principles (*Exegesis* of the Audience)
 - a. Morning Worship
 - b. Prison Ministry
 - c. Nursing Home
 - d. Rescue Mission
 - e. Teen Group
- IV. Illustrating the Application
 - a. Visualize the Application
 - b. Observe Scripture in Life
 - c. "Tell the Story" (Narrative Preaching – Mark 5:25)

- V. Implications of Application
 - a. What are the implications of obedience?
 - b. What are the implications of disobedience?

- VI. Using Your Tools
 - a. Concordance
 - b. Bible Dictionary
 - c. Bible Atlas/Maps
 - d. Bible Charts and Graphs
 - e. Bible Commentaries
 - f. Study Bible
 - g. E-Sword